

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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The Central Basin Municipal Water District has the responsibility for providing water to more than 2 million people in 24 cities and unincorporated areas within Southeastern Los Angeles County. Several major issues have arisen that potentially threatens the ability of Central Basin to effectively serve its customers within Los Angeles County, the most recent being the cancellation of Central Basin's insurance policy as a result of industry concerns about rising liability claims. Reforms are clearly needed at the Central Basin. Due to the magnitude of the County population that would be affected by the ongoing problems at Central Basin, the Board of Supervisors must consider the full range of potential options to maintain water availability to our constituents.

While the cloud of dysfunction at Central Basin needs to be addressed by the Central Basin Board, it is appropriate at this time for the Board of Supervisors to instruct the CEO, the Director of Public Works, and County Counsel to meet with the various major stakeholder agencies within the County and at the Regional and State levels,

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Including the County's Sacramento Legislative Representative, to identify options and any related legislative actions necessary to effectively maintain water availability and services to Central Basin's customers, including exploring potential avenues for another local water management agency, if necessary, to undertake the water-related functions and activities currently performed by Central Basin.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the CEO and Public Works to consult with Central Basin to ensure all necessary steps are being taken by Central Basin to immediately address and correct their ongoing problems;
2. Direct the CEO and Public Works, in consultation with County Counsel, major water stakeholder agencies within the County and at the Regional and State levels, as well as the County's Sacramento Legislative Representative, to discuss the situation affecting Central Basin and to investigate options to ensure continued water availability and service to Central Basin's customers, including the option of having another local water management agency undertake Central Basin's responsibilities;
3. Direct the CEO and Public Works to report back to the Board in 90 days with their findings and recommendations.

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